

and encourage educational excellence and engineering creativity, and to champion the creative integration of technical and scientific expertise across a broad range of energy and transportation related disciplines in the application of solar energy resources.

Organizations applying under this solicitation are required to work in collaboration with National Laboratories and academic institutions in the development and execution of this program. No eligibility restrictions are imposed upon this solicitation; however, proposals will be screened for potential conflicts of interests where it may appear that an award Recipient could potentially gain substantial benefits or have conflicting vested interests in this program. Applicants should be able to demonstrate past experience in event planning, management, and conduct of competitions (preferably with colleges and universities) and in soliciting co-sponsorship and funding. Any award under this solicitation will be a Cooperative Agreement with a potential term of four years. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding anticipated under this solicitation will be approximately \$1,000,000 over a four-year period (\$250,000 per year or \$500,000 per event). Support for the second event will be subject to performance of the 2003 event and funding availability. DOE anticipates selecting one application for negotiation toward an award. In addition to funding the planning, management, and conduct of the events, DOE intends to lead the public outreach efforts for these competitions.

This program is not considered research, development, or demonstration; therefore, no cost share is required. However, proposed cost share levels based upon anticipated sponsorship and support for the competitions will be a major consideration for an award under this solicitation. While it is believed that program success can be achieved without cost share, DOE recognizes that an increased level of sponsorship above that provided by DOE would enhance the impact of these solar competitions.

Applications under this Solicitation must provide a comprehensive plan for the management and conduct of the 2003 and 2005 biennial collegiate solar car race competitions including a plan for obtaining co-sponsorship and support for each event. A critical component of the Applicant's proposal will be their demonstrated ability to organize these events and demonstrated success in securing co-sponsorship and

support for similar collegiate competitions.

Applications submitted by Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's), as defined by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 35.017, will not be considered for award. All questions concerning this Solicitation must be submitted in writing to: Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or transmitted via facsimile to Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at (303) 275-4788 or electronically to [ruth\\_adams@nrel.gov](mailto:ruth_adams@nrel.gov).

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 4, 2001.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Bonneville intends to prepare an EIS on the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 75-mile-long 500-kilovolt transmission line in Benton and Klickitat Counties, Washington, and Umatilla and Sherman Counties, Oregon. The new line would start at Bonneville's McNary Substation in Oregon and would cross the Columbia River just north of the substation into Washington. The line would then proceed west for about 70 miles along the Columbia River. At the John Day Dam, the line would again cross the Columbia River into Oregon and terminate at Bonneville's John Day Substation. The new line would parallel existing transmission lines for the entire length. Bonneville has available right-of-way next to those lines; the new line would be within the available right-of-way wherever feasible. The proposed McNary-John Day line is needed to help move power from east to west. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, Bonneville will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment as

necessary to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplains and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the EIS being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

**DATES:** Written comments are due to the address below no later than June 18, 2001. Comments may also be made at the EIS scoping meetings to be held on May 23 and 24, 2001, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the addresses below.

**ADDRESSES:** Send letters with comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS, and requests to be placed on the project mailing list, to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications—KC-7, PO Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. You may also call Bonneville's toll-free comment line at 1-800-622-4519, and leave a message (please include the name of this project); or send an e-mail to: [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov).

On Wednesday, May 23, 2001, a scoping meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Paterson School, 51409 West Prior Road, Paterson, Washington. On Thursday, May 24, 2001, a scoping meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Roosevelt School, 615 Chinook Avenue, Roosevelt, Washington. At these informal meetings, we will provide information about the project, including maps, and have several members of the project team available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lou Driessen, Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—TNP-3, PO Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-5525; or e-mail [lcdriessen@bpa.gov](mailto:lcdriessen@bpa.gov). You may also contact Stacy Mason, Environmental Coordinator, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, PO Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-5455; or e-mail [slmason@bpa.gov](mailto:slmason@bpa.gov). Additional information can be found at Bonneville's web site: [www.efw.bpa.gov](http://www.efw.bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Presently, the existing transmission lines between McNary and John Day substations are operating at capacity. These lines help move power from the east side of the Cascades to the west side, where there is a high need for electricity (cities along the I-5 corridor). Because the Northwest is short on power, there are many new proposals for facilities to generate new power. Some of these generation facilities are in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line. The new

line would help insure that existing and newly generated power could move through the system.

*Alternatives Proposed for Consideration.* At this point the alternatives we are considering for evaluation in the EIS include alternative tower locations near the existing lines, and the alternative of not building the line (an alternative we always consider). Other alternatives may be identified through the scoping process.

*Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues.* The potential environmental issues identified for most transmission line projects include land use, cultural resources, visual, sensitive plants and animals, erosion/soils, wetlands, floodplains, and fish and water resources. Bonneville has established a 30-day scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help Bonneville ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and Bonneville will hold public meetings to hear comments. Bonneville will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS is expected to be published in mid to late 2002. Bonneville's decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on May 8, 2001.

**Stephen J. Wright,**

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-412-000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

May 10, 2001.

Take notice that on May 7, 2001, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, to be effective June 7, 2001.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to make the benefits and

opportunities of e-commerce available to Algonquin's existing and potential customers and to advance the Commission objectives as expressed in Order Nos. 637, et seq. of providing equality between the pipeline services and capacity release transactions.

Algonquin states that the proposed tariff modifications permit customers to request service agreements electronically and to execute such contracts on line via the LINKr System, which will facilitate nomination and increase the efficiency and convenience of the Algonquin contracting process for all customers.

Algonquin states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-240-001]

#### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 10, 2001.

Take notice that on April 17, 2001, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered

for filing its responses to the comments of the Wisconsin Distributor Group (WDG), regarding ANR's quarterly filing for recovery of its Dakota Gasification costs, in the above-captioned docket.

ANR states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's Letter Order issued on March 28, 2001,<sup>1</sup> in the above referenced proceeding, which directed ANR to respond to WDG's questions and concerns within 20 days of the date of the order.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been served upon each person designated on the official service list complied by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest or file comments to said filing should file a protest or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests or comments must be filed on or before May 17, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-413-000]

#### East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

May 10, 2001.

Take notice that on May 7, 2001, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in

<sup>1</sup> 94 FERC ¶ 61,345 (2001).